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Sir:

This paper is submitted as a response to the Office action mailed March 19, 2004. A request for the necessary extension of time in which to respond is filed concurrently herewith.

The action objected to Figure 3 of the drawings as improperly including a "Prior Art" legend and required that an amended drawing be submitted. Applicant's records show that an amended drawing has already been submitted. In case that amended drawing is not part of the Office's file, another copy of the amended drawing is submitted with this paper.

The action also objected to the specification as including hyperlinks or other forms of browser-executable code. The objectionable material is being deleted from the specification. The material, while perhaps useful to a reader, is not essential. The description of the invention meets all requirements of 35 USC 112 even after the deletion of the objectionable material.

The action includes numerous rejections of the claims. Some claims have been canceled. Others have been amended or rewritten in independent form to deal with these rejections. It is believed that all claims that remain in the application and as amended herein clearly define patentable subject matter over the art of record.